

Application No.: 10/023376

Case No.: 56333US002

Remarks

Claims 1-31 were pending. Claims 1-3, 9, 12-13, 17, and 19-24 have been canceled. Claims 4-8, 10-11, 14-16, 18, and 25-30 are amended.

Objections

Claims 4-8, 10-11, 14-16, 18, and 25-30 stand rejected because they are dependent on rejected base claims or intermediate claims.

Claims 4-8, 10-11, 14-16, 18, and 25-30 have been amended and are now in independent form.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 4-8, 10-11, 14-16, 18, and 25-30, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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